

Ms. Penny Newman
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Dear Ms. Newman,

US EPA has received your memo dated March 5, 2015 in which you provide a list of environmental issues you feel currently exist at Riverside Agriculture Park. You also provided additional details when you spoke with Nicole Moutoux, of my staff, on March 9, 2015. I understand that one of your primary concerns is whether the Park has been adequately investigated and cleaned up in order to support its intended residential reuse.

As you know, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was the regulatory agency overseeing the cleanup of PCB-impacted soil in the Park, which was completed in 2014.

EPA's involvement up to this point has been limited to the evaluation documented in our memo to the file dated October 5, 2011(attached). As you note, Riverside Agriculture Park is listed as a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for investigation and cleanup of FUDS on behalf of Army and the Department of Defense and they work with the State of California to prioritize FUDS for investigation and cleanup. EPA does not have funding to assist with FUDS evaluations.

Since EPA has had little involvement to date, our first step will be to confer with appropriate staff from DTSC.

We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact Nicole Moutoux at 415-972-3012 to arrange a date and time to speak with us.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld

